

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 16-21 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 16-30 are currently pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not add new matter.

Otherwise, Applicants respectfully traverse all claim rejections for the following reasons:

I. EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW

Applicants' attorney and the Examiner conducted a telephone interview on November 19, 2004. After a lengthy discussion, the Examiner agreed that the claims would overcome the § 112, paragraph 1, rejections of record if independent claim 16 were amended to make clear that the power converter unit (amended herein to recite a power control unit) operates to **control**, not **convert** the torque and speed of the rotor. Applicants have amended claim 16 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not add new matter and have adequate support throughout the Specification -- e.g., the Specification states that "[i]n order to control the electrical drive machine, it has at least one converter [to] ***determine the magnitude of the torque and rotation speed*** which can be delivered from the rotor of the electrical drive machine." (Specification; page 1, line 23 to page 2, line 2).

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is kindly requested that the rejections of claims 16-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn. It is now believed that all pending claims 16-30 are in allowable condition.



II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are currently in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims is therefore earnestly solicited.

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